

NPL Site Narrative for Ventron/Velsicol

VENTRON/VELSICOL

Woodridge Borough, New Jersey

Conditions at listing (September 1983): The Ventron/Velsicol Site was a chemical-processing operation from before 1953 until it closed in 1974. The site is on 19 acres bordering Berry's Creek and the Hackensack Meadowlands in Wood-Ridge Borough, Bergen County, New Jersey. The region is densely populated and industrialized. Heavy metals are leaving the site in ground water and air, threatening extensive wetlands and a very large population, according to the State. There is also a significant direct contact hazard from wastes dumped on the ground.

The State filed suit in 1976 against the company seeking a judgment of liability and funds to clean up the site. The Chancery Division found for the State in 1979. Following appeal by the defendants, the Appellate Division found for the State in 1981. The case is now before the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

The State is considering various remedial actions; costs are expected to be at least \$4 million.

Status (June 1984): EPA is planning a remedial investigation/feasibility study to determine the type and extent of contamination at the site and identify alternatives for remedial action.

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